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1. DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN GAVE AP AND UPI LATE ON APRIL 9 FOLLOWING TEXT OF AGREED STATEMENT ON ICELAND BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ICELAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER, EINAR AGUSTSSON, MET WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, JOSEPH J. SISCO, ON APRIL 8 AND 9 TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE--THE AMERICAN FORCES STATIONED IN ICELAND UNDER NATO AUSPICES. THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, KENNETH B. RUSH, RECEIVED THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON APRIL 8.

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AT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, THE UNITED STATES HAS

AGREED TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE THE TV BROADCASTING SIGNAL OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE FROM THE REYKJAVIK AREA.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO DECIDED TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND TO TRANSFER WITHOUT CHARGE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ON LOAN O ICELAND FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY.

THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AT REYKJAVIK AFTER THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE LATEST ICELANDIC PROPOSALS.

3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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